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**NEW, CONTINUATION, DIVISIONAL OR  
CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

Attorney Docket No. 0739D-000086

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a patent application for  
**POWERED FOLD-FLAT SEAT HINGE ASSEMBLY**

identified by: ☐ First named inventor \_\_\_\_\_  
or ☒ Attorney Docket No. (see above)

**1. Type of Application**

☒ This application is a new (non-continuing) application.

☐ This application is a ☐ continuation / ☐ divisional / ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a [continuation/division/continuation-in-part] of United States patent application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.--

☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

If for some reason applicant has not requested a sufficient extension of time in the parent application, and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for any necessary response in the parent application and/or for the extension of time necessary to prevent the abandonment of the parent application prior to the filing of this application, please consider this as a Request for an Extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any fee that may be due. THIS FORM IS BEING FILED IN DUPLICATE: one copy for this application and one copy for use in connection with the Deposit Account (if applicable).

**2. Contents of Application**

- a. ☒ Specification of 18 pages;  
☐ A microfiche computer program (Appendix);  
☐ A nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submission;
- ☐ Because the enclosed application is in a non-English language, a verified English translation ☐ is enclosed ☐ will be filed.
- ☐ Cancel original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing date purposes.)
- b. ☒ Formal Drawings on 6 sheets (Figs. 1-8;

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- c. ☒ A signed Oath/Declaration ☒ is enclosed / ☐ will be filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

The enclosed Oath/Declaration is ☒ newly executed / ☐ a copy from a prior application under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) / ☐ accompanied by a statement requesting the deletion of person(s) not inventors in the continuing application.

- d. ☒ Form PTO/SB/35, a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), requesting non-publication of this application, is enclosed.

e. **Fees**

FILING FEE	Number	Number	Basic Fee
CALCULATION	Filed	Extra	Rate
Total Claims	20 - 20 =	0 x	\$18.00 = 0.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0 x	\$80.00 = 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Used			\$270.00 =
FILING FEE - NON-SMALL ENTITY			710.00
FILING FEE - SMALL ENTITY: Reduction by 1/2			
<input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement filed in prior application.			
Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40.00)			40.00
37 C.F.R. §1.17(k) Fee (non-English application)			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$750.00</b>

- ☒ A check is enclosed to cover the calculated fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

- ☐ The calculated fees will be paid within the time allotted for completion of the filing requirements.

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3. **Priority Information**

- ☐ **Foreign Priority:** Priority based on \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed.

- ☐ A copy of the above referenced priority document ☐ is enclosed / ☐ will be filed in due course, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d).

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- ☐ **Provisional Application Priority:** Priority based on United States Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

**4. Other Submissions**

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of PTO Form 1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ patent(s)/publications/documents are enclosed.
- ☒ A power of attorney
- ☒ is submitted ☒ with the new Oath/Declaration.
- ☐ is of record in the prior application and ☐ is in the original papers / ☐ a copy is enclosed.
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention
- ☒ is enclosed with a cover sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§3.11, 3.28 and 3.31.
- ☐ is of record in a prior application. The assignment is to \_\_\_\_\_, and is recorded at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ An Establishment of Assignee's Right To Prosecute Application Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), and Power Of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☒ An Express Mailing Certificate is enclosed.
- ☒ Other: Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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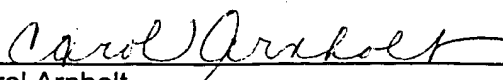
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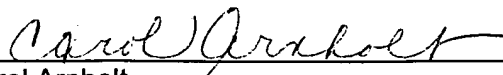
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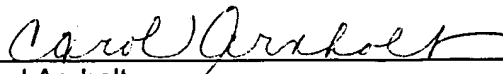
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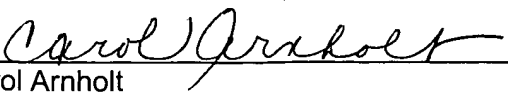
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
UNDER  
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First Named Inventor	Shihong Yu
Title	POWERED FOLD-FLAT SEAT HINGE ASSEMBLY
Atty Docket Number	0739D-000086

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

January 5, 2001  
Date

M. Malinzak  
Signature

Michael Malinzak

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**